(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that water in the dam is insufficient to cater to the irrigation demands of the region and also the drinking water supply to the Palaghat city and its suburbs;

(d) if so, whether such schemes would further strain the irrigation and drinking water system in the area; and

(e) if so, the criteria for permitting such schemes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) and (d) Government of Kerala has reported that no permission has been given to any private entrepreneurs for utilizing water from Malampuzha Dam for industrial purpose.

(b) and (e) Do not arise.

(c) Yes, Sir.

Irrigation facilities in H.P.

1374. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any target has been fixed for providing irrigation facilities in Himachal Pradesh during the Tenth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of financial assistance proposed to be granted to Himachal Pradesh for the said purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) and (b) Irrigation being a State subject the responsibility of planning, funding and implementation of irrigation schemes including fixing the Tenth Five Year Plan targets for irrigation primarily rests with the State Government. As per its Tenth Five Year Plan/Annual Plan 2002-03 document, the Government of Himachal Pradesh has proposed a target of creating additional irrigation potential of 8000 hectare by means of major and medium irrigation projects and 10,000 hectare through minor irrigation schemes during the Tenth Plan period.

(c) In addition to Plan allocation of the State for the Irrigation Sector, Himachal Pradesh is availing of Central Loan Assistance (CLA) under the Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP) of the Government of India for expeditious completion of selected major and medium projects and various minor irrigation schemes. Ceiling for CLA to be released to each State under AIBP is decided by the Planning Commission on year-to-year basis and funds are released on the basis of proposals received from the States.

Details of Central Loan Assistance provided to Himachal Pradesh under AIBP are as under:-

(Rs. in Crore)

Sl. No.	Name of Project	CLA released upto end of January, 2003
1.	Shah-Nahar Irrigation Project	38.024
2.	Sidhata Medium Irrigation Project	2.250
3.	Changer Lift Irrigation Project	1.015
4.	42 Ml Schemes in 1999-2000	2.422
5.	60 Ml Schemes in 2000-2001	4.295
	TOTAL:	48.006

Funds allocated for desilting of reservoirs

1375. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Crop Weather Watch Group which reviews water level in reservoirs has submitted report that overall water position in 70 important reservoirs of the country continues to be critical;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action initiated to rectify it;

(c) whether State Governments and Central Water Commission were directed to undertake desilting of reservoirs in view of the low level of storage; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard togetherwith the period required for desilting and fund allotted for it?